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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM: DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE
AMERICAN EMBASSY PANAMA

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ROGERS

1. APPROXIMATELY 600 - 800 EXTREMIST PANAMANIAN STUDENTS
DEMONSTRATED AT THE EMBASSY FOR 45 MINUTES SEPTEMBER 23,
PROTESTING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PANAMA CANAL
NEGOTIATIONS.

2. THE DEMONSTRATION (ONE OF SEVERAL IN PANAMA IN RECENT
WEEKS ON TREATY RELATED MATTERS) WAS INITIALLY PEACEFUL,
BUT TURNED VIOLENT WHEN THE STUDENTS BEGAN PELTING THE
EMBASSY WITH ROCKS. BEFORE A SMALL PANAMANIAN NATIONAL
GUARD UNIT PROTECTING THE EMBASSY WAS REINFORCED, THE
STUDENTS SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING A TOTAL OF 100 WINDOWS.
THE NATIONAL GUARD BROKE UP THE DEMONSTRATION BY USING
TEAR GAS. THE STUDENTS THEN WENT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
ON WHICH THEY PAINTED ANTI-GOVERNMENT SLOGANS. THE STU-
DENTS DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ATTEMPTED TO ENTER OR OTHER-

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WISE DISRUPT THE CANAL ZONE.

3. SEVERAL INJURIES OF NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS WERE REPORTED, BUT NONE TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL OR DEMONSTRATORS. SOME OFFICIAL VEHICLES AND VEHICLES OWNED BY EMBASSY EMPLOYEES WERE DAMAGED.

4. WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH AMBASSADOR JORDEN, AND THE EMBASSY IS MAKING A STRONG PROTEST OF THE INCIDENT TO PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES.

5. IN SPITE OF THIS DEMONSTRATION AND THE PANAMANIAN DISCLOSURE LAST WEEKEND OF NEGOTIATING DETAILS, WE DO NOT SEE ANY INDICATION OF A GOP DESIRE TO BREAK OFF OR DELAY THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. FOR THE GOP, PERMITTING THE STUDENTS TO ORGANIZE SUCH A DEMONSTRATION SERVES THE DUAL PURPOSE OF TAKING SOME OF THE DOMESTIC HEAT OFF THE GOVERNMENT WHILE EMPHASIZING TO THE U.S. THE SERIOUSNESS OF PANAMANIAN DEMANDS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. ROBINSON

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